GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:216
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2007
NORMS FOR SETTING UP OF RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have fixed some norms for setting up of new railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the mechanism for setting up of new railway stations in response to the demand of the public?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 216 BY SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29-11-2007 REGARDING NORMS FOR SETTING UP OF RAILWAY STATIONS.

(a) to (c) :No, Sir. There are no norms laid down for setting up of a railway station. A large number of factors govern the setting of new railway stations which range from opening up of a new line, augmenting line capacity of a saturated section, overcoming critical operational bottlenecks, new sidings etc. However norms have been laid down for setting up a halt station whenever there is sufficient public demand.

A halt station can be set up when the following norms are fulfilled:

i. There is a financial justification for opening a halt station;
ii. In the non-suburban areas, the site of the proposed halt is atleast 5 kms from the stations /halts on either side;
iii. The proposal is feasible both from Operating & Engineering points of view;
iv. The opening of a new halt station is otherwise remunerative but infringes the minimum distance limitation of 3 miles/5 kms;
v. A written commitment from local Panchayat/people for shramdan for earth work is necessary before considering the proposal for opening of a halt station to reduce the initial cost of construction.

(d) : Mechanism for setting up of new railway station in response to the demand of the public is as under:

(i) On receiving the public demand by the Railway for a halt station, the proposal is examined by the Railway in consultation with finance for its justification as per the laid down norms.

(ii) The proposal is processed for approval of the competent authority.

(iii) After obtaining the approval , the work is taken up for commissioning the halt station with provision of certain minimum passengers amenities as required.